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1. At the beginning of March 1952, a secret registration was begun in Lithuania of all persons who were born in America or who have lived there. The registration is not conducted by personal interrogations, but rather by evidence furnished by neighbors or through the "services" of others.
2. Lithuanians are voluntarily applying for the transports from Lithuania to the big work projects of the Soviet Government in other Soviet republics. When such volunteers are asked why they do this, they answer that they will all sooner or later be deported by force and that, therefore, it is better to go voluntarily. In this way they can take their belongings with them. Workers at the kolkhozy in Suvalkai (54-05N, 22-46E) were noted as having volunteered in this manner.
3. At the end of February 1952, an exchange of livestock between Lithuanian kolkhozy was begun. A number of horses, cows, and breeding pigs would be taken from one kolkhoz in exchange for an equal number from another kolkhoz. The plan was initiated because the kolkhozniki were extremely attached to the animals which formerly belonged to them. They fed and cared for them better than they did others and thought that these animals were still their property. The livestock exchanges disappointed and displeased the kolkhozniki, since they could no longer care for the animals which they felt were rightfully theirs.
4. In the rayon of Vabalnikas (55-59N, 24-45E), village settlements are being set up near kolkhozy centers on former estates (folvarkai, possibly the smaller estates). Small farmers are forced to leave their homes and to move into the cottages of former estate workers. Those whose houses are in better condition are allowed to move them into the settlement (sic). On the Gondziu estate, farmers were forbidden to bring holy pictures and crucifixes into the houses. The official who was managing the establishment of the settlement told the newcomers, "The Soviet Government will give you new houses and new Soviet

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pictures." Religious medals and pictures and photographs of priests were taken from the newcomers, put in the center of the yard, and burned. While the pictures were burning, a Communist, one Petkus (fmu), shouted, "Pray for the souls of the bedbugs."

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